

THRIVES SKINS GAS COMPANY

Commissioners Very Tender in Administering Rebuke.

CANDY WITH SPANKING

Gas Consumers of Entire State Leveled on to Pay Rebate to Capitay City.

O. H. Thrives, who was practically thrown out of the employ of the state corporation, has been rebuked because he dared to take the part of the people against the trust which has had them by the throat, has attracted much attention and favorable comment by his courageous action. Naturally the friends of the commissioners have attempted to discredit Mr. Thrives' attitude by misstatement of facts and by calling the force of the popular indignation against the commission. This has led Mr. Thrives to come out in a personal statement, as follows:

Before I was discharged by the corporation commission and came to work as assistant attorney general I wrote an order requiring the Oklahoma Natural Gas company, through its agent the Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co., to rebate its customers in Oklahoma City for all gas furnished them at a pressure below four inches. This was to penalize the company to some extent for suffering caused by gas shortage. The commission, in a weak moment, in open court, promised the company this order. To repay the company, however, for this apparent act of justice to the public, the commission, under the guise of setting more gas for the public, made a flat increase in the Oklahoma Natural Gas company's rates, which increased its revenue \$6,000 per day. (Like the indulgent young mother, they spanked their "favorite son" and fed him candy at the same time.)

The saddest part about the story, however, is that some 30 other cities and towns of Oklahoma, including Tulsa, were required to help pay for the candy, or in other words, got charged up with the increased rate, but Oklahoma City alone shared the rebate. The only just and equitable thing for the commission to have done was for it to require the Oklahoma Natural to give rebates in all cities and towns in Oklahoma in which a shortage of gas had occurred. (I prepared the notices so as to include them all, but all except Oklahoma City was eliminated.)

As to the justice of the rate increase, the commission had nothing before it except the private verbal statement of the officials upon which to base a guess. The Oklahoma Natural Gas company started out presumably in the gas business with an authorized capital of \$4,000,000. Today it has an authorized capital of \$10,000,000. Its sworn valuation statement in the state auditor's department gives \$7,000,000 as the value of its property employed in the gas end of the business, and approximately \$2,000,000 as value of its property employed in the gas and oil business combined.

When it comes before the commission for rate making purposes it claims \$19,000,000 in gas business alone, but doesn't attempt to show how much property it is using in developing and operating for oil, or how the expenses of the two departments are separated, or how much money or material has been diverted from one department to the other, or how much of the some \$50,000 acres of oil and gas leases are owned and charged to the gas department and how much to the oil department or how much of the actual gas supply, and what effort is being made to develop same for gas.

If the gas company is used to explore for oil, then the public who plays for the oil discovered should share in the oil discovered. (If I buy a farm with your money and discover a gold mine on it I couldn't take the gold mine simply by paying you for the cost of discovery. Neither is the oil department of the Oklahoma Natural Gas company entitled to this oil discovered with the public's money unless it pays the actual value of the oil discovered.)

The corporation commission is invested with administrative, judicial and legislative powers for the express purpose of requiring public utilities to furnish data answering the above questions.

The present commission as now composed is helping the larger public service corporations to "suddy the water" so the public cannot know who the truth. The people must tell it to "get out of their sunshine" or the people will go without heat and other utility service.

We have plenty of gas in this state to last for years, but if you let the Oklahoma Natural get a complete monopoly and lay down on the job, the public will be at its mercy.

The Oklahoma Natural Gas com-

pany is making the public pay for advertising matter designed to deceive them. It is true gas is wasted "at the burner tip" and the most economical methods should be used to overcome this waste, but when a gas company has a fine loss of from 20 to 40 per cent and has gasoline plants on its main line blowing gas into the air night and day, it is in no position to give the public lessons in gas conservation.

Diamond Concession Interrupted on Account of Sabbath Day

No numerous have the phone calls been especially from out-of-town readers, inquiring whether the 25 per cent reduction would continue for Saturday that the Fifth and Main street jewelers are taking this means of answering.

The store is closed for business every Saturday in the year and they cannot deviate from this custom for all the money in the universe—that is their principle and principle is their daily guide.

However, to accommodate the many anxious inquirers the sale will be continued on Monday for the entire day. Every article has a certificate of genuineness and a guarantee of value. Every diamond is absolutely perfect and at a saving of 25 per cent.

The object of this sale is to raise cash to pay their current bills, and which they find impossible to secure at the banks. He convinced and call the store at Fifth and Main, the Sinclair oil corner, but wait until Monday morning and earn 25 per cent.—Advt.

Woman Publishes Paper

HOOD RIVER, Ore., June 12.—Mrs. W. L. Morrison, editor and publisher of the Maupin Times, although a woman of slight build, has for five years past done both the reporting, editing and mechanical work in connection with her paper, a weekly, she also finds time to print letters and other stationery for the residents of the vicinity.

PROPER CARE OF GARBAGE URGED

Civic League Recommends Sanitary Measures This Summer.

Care of garbage and refuse was urged upon Tulsa citizens in a resolution passed by the Tulsa Civic League on June 9.

A report and recommendation prepared by a special committee and adopted by the league was as follows: "Just now at the beginning of summer, it is well to make every precaution to prevent the increase of flies with its consequent dissemination of disease. The city should not be allowed to accumulate in yards, as when full of water, large breeding places for mosquitoes, residents of some sections report that uncovered garbage cans being so full as to give off an offensive odor are infested by rats which there are no easy means of disposing of. A certain section reported a distance of two miles where there were so many garbage cans and the refuse was thrown promiscuously in the alleys. Families in these sections should realize that such conditions as these invite to their own homes typhoid fever and other serious obstacles to good health."

Attention was also called by the committee to the importance of using only the best drinking water available, boiling untreated well water, and maintaining the utmost cleanliness in the care of ice boxes and milk.

According to the city ordinance regulation garbage cans should be of the following description: "said cans shall be made in a substantial manner of galvanized iron, non-leakable, and shall have a capacity of not less than ten gallons nor more than thirty gallons and shall be provided with suitable handles and

with a close-fitting galvanized iron cover."

MOCK PUNCH WAS POISON

Coloring Matter in Drink Made Amateur Actors Sick

CONCORDIA, Kan., June 12.—Ten amateur actors were poisoned by

an overdose of fruit coloring in imitation punch used in a local school concert for several hours.

Three young girls of the cast were taken to their homes in such a serious condition that physicians had to be summoned. Two remained unconscious for several hours.

A "sample" of the coloring was sent to a chemist to be analyzed.

We Apologize

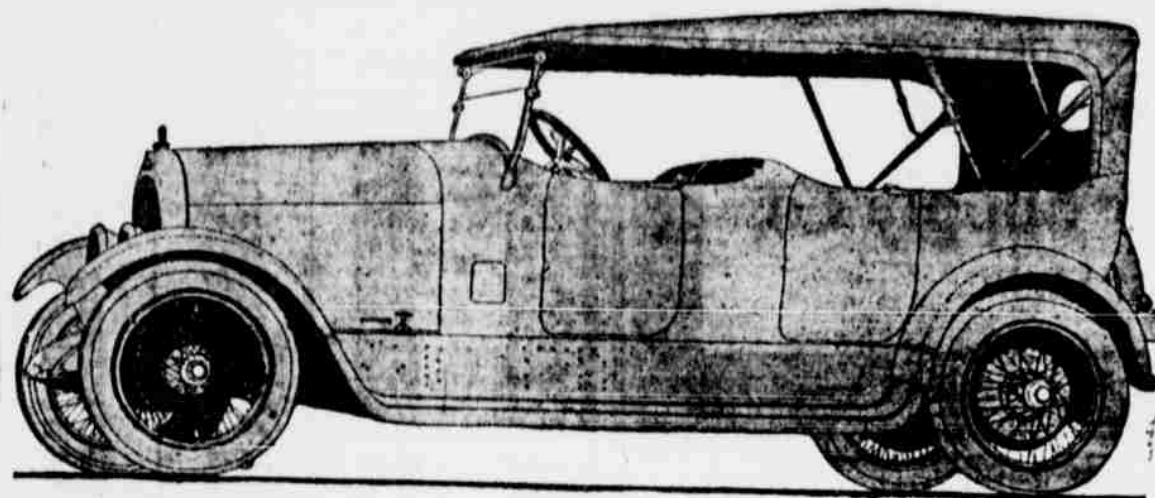
For not having run an announcement that our Homes in Hillcrest were open for inspection.

We are building 60 homes there, but so far every home has been sold before completion. We have 15 there now under all stages of construction. Drive out Sunday with your yardstick and look them over. Just drive down by our temporary lumber yard and mill in Hillcrest and you will see the homes.

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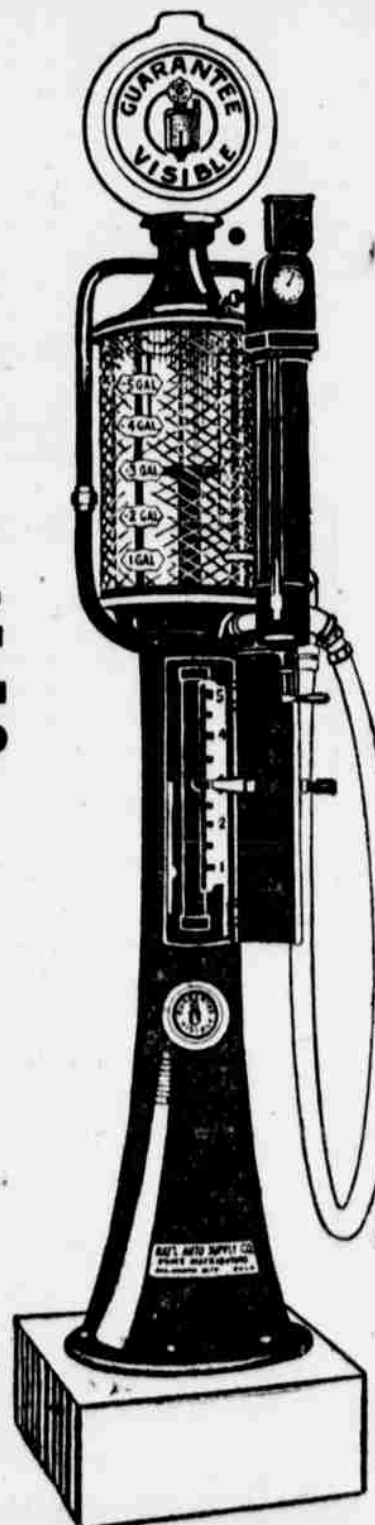
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